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DIAH SAEED THABET;
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Annual Report

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I. Office of Origin: San Diego

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III. (U) (S) Basis for Investigation:

(U) (S) San Diego determined that two of the hijackers for American Airlines Flight 77, Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi, had lived and received flight training in San Diego, CA. While conducting investigations of the activities of Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi, San Diego identified an individual named Omar Al-Bayoumi who assisted the two hijackers in obtaining lodging and other necessities during their stay in San Diego. Al-Bayoumi departed the United States in August 2001 and was detained and released in England as a material witness in the PENTTBOM investigation.

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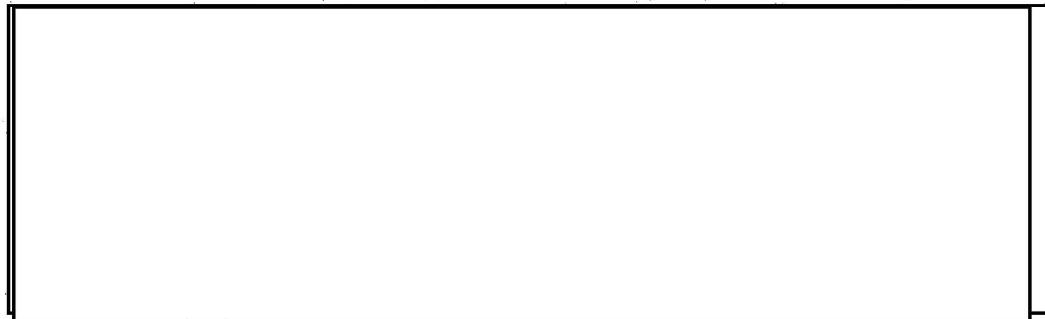
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Thabet's statements to [redacted] regarding Al-Bayoumi and the
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On January 22, 2002, Thabet met with [redacted]. Thabet spoke frankly regarding his personal opinion of hijackers Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi. Thabet told [redacted] that referenced hijackers were "more than heroes" and "they (the hijackers) had reached such a high level of spirituality that they were calm even knowing they were about to die." Thabet knew the hijackers Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar. Thabet went on to say that he knew Omar Bakarbashat and others detained as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, had asked permission from Muslim religious leaders to commit suicide. Thabet said the permission had not yet been granted. Thabet did not elaborate on how he knew of the suicide requests.

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